

## REMARKS

A non-final Office Action, dated October 20, 2006 rejects pending claims 1-5, 18, 21, 25, 27, 29 and 31, allows claims 22-24, 26, 28, 30 and 32, and objects to claims 6-17, 19, and 20. Claims 1-7, 18, 21, 25, and 29 have been canceled and new claims 33-36 have been added herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

### Allowed Claims

Claims 22-24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 have been allowed. Allowed dependent claims 26, 30 and 32 have been amended to place them into independent format with all the limitations of their former base claim and any formerly presented intervening claim. Accordingly, these claims should now be in further condition for allowance.

Moreover, new dependent claims 33-36 depend on allowed claim 32. Accordingly, they too should now be in condition for allowance.

### Allowable Claims

Applicant has amended allowable claims 8 and 19 to place them into independent format with all the limitations of their former base claim and any formerly presented intervening claims. Accordingly, they should now be in condition for allowance.

Moreover, since dependent claims 9-17 and 20 depend on one of these now allowable claims, they too should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that all of the currently pending claims (8-17, 19-20, 22-24, 26-28 and 30-36) are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the case be passed to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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